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Many thanks for your letter of congratulations on my new assignment. I am really grateful for the honor, humble at the immensity of the task, and appreciative of your good wishes.

I'm sorry you were unable to attend the Change of Command ceremony. As you can imagine, as fast as things were happening, I almost didn't make it myself.

Again, many thanks and all the best.

STANSFIELD TURNER Admiral, U.S. Navy

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